

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT	)	
ACTION AGAINST	)	PDC CASE NO.: 03-019
	)	
Whatcom County Republican Party	)	STIPULATION OF FACTS,
	)	VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY
Respondent.	)	
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The Whatcom County Republican Party (Respondent) and Public Disclosure Commission Enforcement Staff (Staff) jointly submit this Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty for Commission consideration in lieu of a full enforcement hearing before the Commission. The parties agree that pursuant to RCW 42.17.360 et. seq., the Commission has the authority to accept, decline, or to suggest modifications to this Stipulation.

**Facts**

Both parties agree that the Report of Investigation dated January 7, 2003, and the Notice of Administrative Charges dated January 8, 2003, contain accurate statements of fact. The Notice of Administrative Charges, the Report of Investigation, and all exhibits are incorporated herein by this reference.

Staff acknowledges that the Respondent fully cooperated with the investigation and resolution of this matter. Staff agrees that no evidence was found of willful or intentional violations. All previous and current required PDC reports have been filed and are up-to-date.

### **Violations**

Respondent and Staff agree that the Respondent committed multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 during 1999, 2000 and 2001 by failing to timely file reports of contribution and expenditure activities (PDC Forms C-3 and C-4), and by failing to timely report details of expenditures.

### **Penalty**

Respondent and Staff agree that based upon the facts and the agreement regarding multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 above, the Respondent is willing to accept an assessed total civil penalty \$5,000. The parties also agree that \$2,500 of the assessed penalty will be suspended on the condition that the Respondent commits no further violations of RCW 42.17 through the end of calendar year 2004. The Respondent agrees to pay \$1,000 of the non-suspended portion of the penalty within 30 days of the date of the Commission's final order in this matter, and to pay the remaining non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$1,500) in three monthly payments of \$500 each beginning March 31, 2003 and ending May 31, 2003.

The Respondent agrees to establish an internal control process for reviewing reports that are to be filed with the Public Disclosure Commission to insure that the reports are complete, accurate and filed in a timely fashion. Finally, the Respondent agrees to comply in good faith with all future reporting requirements in accordance with RCW 42.17.

Respectfully submitted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

/s/

1/28/03

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Vicki Rippie, Executive Director

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DATE SIGNED

/s/

1/27/03

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Bruce Ayers, Chairman of the  
Whatcom County Republican Party

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DATE SIGNED